

## FORTY MINUTES FOR READING

Everyone Should Economize Time So as to Take a Systematic Course of Reading.

The question of what and when to read, and more than all, how to read, is most important to every one. There are no exceptions to this among those who are old enough to read anything; they must all read something if they want to keep above ground among live people; the question is one of choice.

The habit of reading is worth a great deal; that of thoughtful reading is worth more. By it one gains information, discipline, power; and it is power we are all struggling for. There are thousands of girls aimlessly frittering away golden opportunities. Some are doing it unconsciously, never realizing the importance of a thoughtful course of reading, and so, their earlier years wasted, they will find their later years poverty-stricken in mind and morals. One's earlier years are so little for harvests of rich and precious enjoyment in the autumn of life.

Nearly every one can so economize time as to give 40 minutes a day on an average to a systematic course of reading. Many a girl who pretends to be a busy person wastes more than that amount daily. And many read that much time and more, whose reading does not count much because it is at random without aim or direction. It is not wise to spend time and strength in this way. It weakens rather than builds up. Life is too important and serious to fritter it away in aimless and indifferent reading. We need the help of the best minds and thoughts in all departments of life and labor.—Treasure Trove.

## TABLE D'HOTE TREE LATEST

Scientific Gentleman Expects to Grow Cabbages, Grapes and Carrots on Gooseberry Bush.

The table d'hôte tree is the scientific achievement of Prof. H. G. Walters, head of the Plant Research Institute at Langhorne, Pa.

"My table d'hôte tree," said Professor Walters, as he pointed to a fragrant blossomed tree on the institute's lawn, "involved an ideal botanical idea that cannot fail to reduce materially the cost of living. These trees are peculiarly suitable for backyards.

"Early last fall I grafted on this old peach tree clippings from a lilac bush, a raspberry bush and three varieties of rose bushes. These grafts are alive today, and the peach tree is also bearing healthy buds of its own. Later on we will have raspberries and roses and lilacs growing on this one tree.

"My next step will be to develop a special variety of these 'table d'hôte trees,' which the poor can plant in their backyards, and which will bear a variety of eatables."

Several other combinations are said already to be the subject of earnest study and experiment. Cabbages, grapes and carrots are expected to grow on a gooseberry bush. A chestnut tree will be grafted with shoots of potato plants and pumpkin vines.

There is no reason, it is said at the institute, why well-bred stalks of sugar corn cannot be persuaded to grow up and down on the side of a tree as well as egg plants and red peppers.—Baltimore American.

## The Biggest Dials.

The art of the clockmaker has achieved many remarkable triumphs. Sometimes it is in a clock wonderful for the complexity of its movements and its busy population of automatons that attracts our admiration, like that in the cathedral of Strassburg; at other times the immense size of the machinery and the dials excites astonishment.

This is the case with the celebrated clock in the tower of the Church of St. Rombaut at Mechlin. This clock is believed to possess the largest dials that exist in the world. There are four of them, one on each side of the great square tower, and their extreme diameter is nearly 37½ feet. The figures showing the hours are nearly 6½ feet high, and the hands have a length of nearly 12 feet.

## Warning to Kickers.

A sad-eyed mule stood in the rain, tired was he and sick, but proffered sympathy gave him pain, and against it he did kick. A cat came up to share his woes, with mew and gentle purr. She was transformed from head to toes into fiddle strings and frow. A yellow dog next offered up himself these woes to share. Soon sausage meat, a-la pup, was flying through the air. Then little Jack, the farmer's son, attempted, to his sorrow, under shelter the mule to run. His funeral is tomorrow. An awful roar, a blinding flash; he hadn't time to duck it; so the mule so rude and rash finally kicked the bucket.—Indianapolis Star.

## "Got His Goat."

Scribb and his wife were going to the theater.

"Will you please go upstairs and get my goats off the dressing table?" asked Mrs. Scribb.

"Your goats?" queried the puzzled Scribb. "What new-fangled idea have you women got now?"

"I'll show you!" snapped the wife. "Are those what you mean? Why, I call those kids."

"I used to," replied Mrs. Scribb, "but they are getting so old I am ashamed to call them by that name any longer."

He took the hint.

## THE WORTH OF RED CROSS SEALS TO BANKERS AND BUSINESS MEN.

Letter from the President of a Trust Company at Amsterdam, N. Y., to the Local Sales Manager in the Seals Campaign.

"The management of the Montgomery County Trust Company has always held that contributions to charity could not properly be made by officers or directors from the earnings, because these, in an organization conducted for profit, belong to the stockholders.

"We maintain that our purchase of Christmas seals does not violate this policy for the reason that the war against tuberculosis is not a charity but an action in self defense against a common enemy.

"We believe it good business to assist in the work on the following grounds:

The presence of tuberculosis means a great financial loss to the community.

The greatest ravages of the disease are found among the poor.

The affliction of the bread winner of the family with the disease means lowered efficiency and less earning capacity, which in turn means a lessened power to provide the proper nourishment and environment to successfully combat its growth.

"The incapacity of the bread winner often throws his family upon the public charge.

"It would seem to us more logical to spend the money to get rid of the disease than to reflect the cost of supporting its victims in an increased tax rate.

"No one makes a profit upon a dead man but the undertaker, and he makes it only once, whereas a live man is a constant source of profit to every one with whom he does business, and the more alive and the more prosperous he is and the more business he does, the greater are the profits of those with whom he deals.

"We believe that other business concerns in Amsterdam are as vitally interested in the question as we are. Manufacturers wish for efficient operators. Merchants need prosperous customers, this Trust company desires bank depositors and it wishes them to stay alive for a great many years to amass large deposit balances and in the fullness of time when death results from old age, to leave their estates in care of our trust department to administer for the benefit of their heirs.

"You will observe from the foregoing that our contribution is dictated solely by business reasons and for which we do not claim or deserve any credit on the score of philanthropy.

"In closing, permit us to express our appreciation of the very efficient manner in which the Anti-Tuberculosis Society is conducting its campaign for the eradication of the 'white plague.'

"Very truly yours,  
"MONTGOMERY TRUST CO.,  
"By John Barnes, Pres."

## SCHOOL AT FLETCHER IS VERY PROGRESSIVE.

(Special to The Hustler.)

Fletcher, Dec. 13.—The school at Fletcher is very progressive this year. This is doubtless, partly due to the Woman's Betterment Association, which besides aiding financially, is also helping to eliminate tardies and absences. Recently the members of the association invited all the mothers in the district to the school house and assisted by the children and teachers entertained them informally; refreshments were served and interest in the school greatly stimulated.

Following is the honor roll for the fourth month:

First and Second Grades—Arthur Walker, Donald Walker, Edward Walker, Maria Fletcher, Bertha Fletcher, Lois Souther, Alma Walker, Ella Mae Watkins, Jessie Wolfe, Jennie Wolfe, Berton Wagner, John Claud Sales, and Charles Fletcher.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades—Ella Cagle, Alma Cagle, Ethel Cagle, Lavada Cagle, Ruth Cagle, Lloyd Cagle, Georgia Singleton, and Annie Lon Watkins.

Sixth and Seventh Grades—Lawrence Walker, George Sales, Carroll Sorrell, Allie Drake, Margaret Roberts.

## EDNEYVILLE, ROUTE 1 NEWS.

(Special to The Hustler.)

Edneyville R-1, Dec. 13.—Mrs. J. J. Townsend spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. T. O. Ledbetter.

Mrs. Andrew Lyda visited her sister, Mrs. Martha Collins, of Flat Rock, Thursday night.

Mrs. Cynthia Stepp of Ottanoka, has been spending several days with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Lyda's little son, Fred, has been seriously ill but we are glad to know he is improving.

R. N. Freeman has moved from the Chickasaw Inn to Laxton Lyda's place.

There will be a Christmas tree at St. Paul school house Wednesday, December 27.

The Barnwell school will close Friday, December 15. Miss Sue Emma Coston of Fruitland is teacher.

## WESLEY ADULT BIBLE CLASS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Wesley Adult Bible Class of the First Methodist church Sunday elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Vance Norwood, president.  
J. C. Waldrop, vice president.  
H. F. Stewart, secretary and treasurer.

W. M. Bacon, teacher.  
M. D. Coburn, assistant teacher.

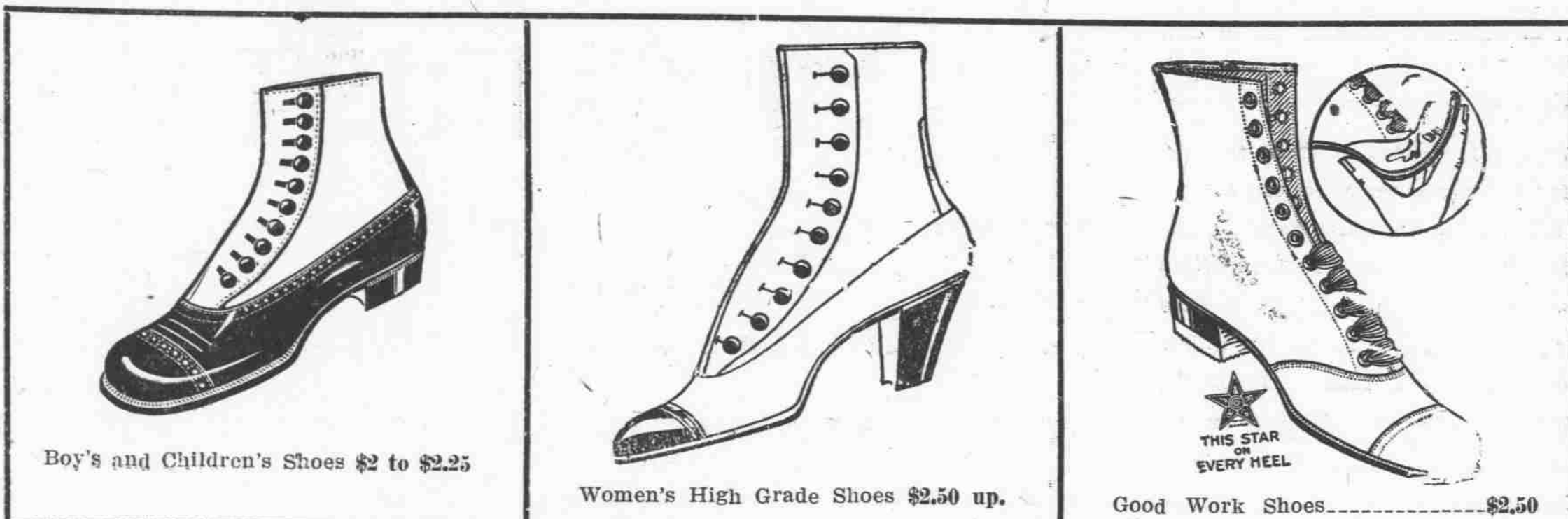
## TWO WEEKS' HOLIDAY FOR GRADED SCHOOL.

The Hendersonville graded school will suspend for two weeks for the Christmas holidays, school to close December 20, and reopen after New Year's.

# Do Your Xmas Shopping AT SHEPHERD'S And Have a Merry Xmas

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Boy's and Children's Shoes \$2 to \$2.25

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Good Work Shoes.....\$2.50

Good Grade Coffee 6 lbs at.....\$1.00

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95 Cents.

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## DE SOTO FLOUR

25 Pounds.....\$1.20

50 Pounds.....\$2.40

100 Pounds.....\$4.75

## HOLE PROOF HOSIERY.

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3 Pairs in a Box.....\$2.25

## M. M. SHEPHERD

TERMS CASH

## DEATH OF MRS. McCARSON.

Mrs. Margaret Liverett McCarson, widow of the late Arthur McCarson, who died 10 or 12 years ago, died at her home near this city Thursday at 10:15 a. m., aged 84 years, and was buried Friday at Mill Pond cemetery, near Rugby, funeral services being conducted by Rev. Geo. F. Wright, pastor of East Hendersonville Baptist church.

Mrs. McCarson was born December 12, 1832, and was the mother of six children, four of whom, Mrs. J. E. Allen, Miss Susie McCarson, William McCarson and Mrs. Mary Dunlap, the latter of Greenville, S. C., are now living.

She was a member of the Balfour Baptist church at the time of her death. She had been a member of the Baptist faith for over 50 years, having first joined the Old Stony Baptist church.

Old age and the shock over the death of her son, the late J. W. McCarson, was responsible for her death.

The bereaved children and relatives have the sympathy of their many friends.

## OFFICERS M. W. A.

The officers for the ensuing year of Fernwood Camp, No. 15,282, Modern Woodmen of America, are:

Flave Shepherd, counsel; Allard Case, adviser; Jerry Bolling, banker; G. A. McMurray, clerk; G. J. Millward, deputy clerk; H. K. Justice, escort; W. D. Justus, watchman; Ben Shipman, sentry; A. L. Beck, Thomas Shepherd and Walter Stepp, managers.

## NEW OFFICERS W. O. W.

New officers of White Pine Camp, No. 213, Woodmen of the World have been elected and will be installed the first Thursday night in January. They are: S. H. Hudgins, counsel commander; A. H. Hawkins, adviser; W. F. Case, banker; A. J. Williams, clerk; T. V. Lyda, escort; W. D. Williams, watchman; H. P. Reid, sentry; A. F. Justus, N. B. Gibbs and Chas. Rozzello, auditors.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

North Carolina—Henderson County. Before R. M. Oates, J. P.

In the matter of Wm. Guill, petitioner for Homestead.

William Guill of Henderson County, N. C., having filed his petition before the undersigned for his homestead and personal property exemptions, this is to notify all the creditors of the said William Guill that the said petition will be heard at my office in Hendersonville township, Henderson county on the 7th day of June 1917, when and where, if they shall appear, they may be heard.

This the 7th day of December, 1916.  
R. M. OATES, J. P.  
Hendersonville Township, Henderson County, N. C.

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